

Demands for formation of New States

1615. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the causes leading to demands for formation on new States within the Indian Union;

(b) the reaction of the Union Government in relation to such demands ; and

(c) whether root causes have been analysed concerning any of such demands and remedies prescribed and acted upon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a) to (c). The demands for formation of new States generally arise on account of regional imbalances in economic development. The Government of India are of the view that such imbalances in a particular State or region should be tackled through the mechanism of planning and by setting up of suitable regional or local authorities.

Permission to Amnesty International to visit Punjab And Kashmir

1616. SHRI TARA CHAND KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the British Foreign Secretary during his recent visit to India called for the grant of permission to the Amnesty International to visit Punjab and Kashmir ; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government

thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government's policy is to allow Amnesty International to come to India for private visits and for normal dialogue with the Government.

Infiltration by Foreign Poachers into Andaman and Nicobar Islands

1617. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of cases of infiltration by the foreign poachers into the territorial waters of Andaman and Nicobar Islands detected during each of the last three years;

(b) the number of such poachers apprehended and the number of boats/ships seized during the above period;

(c) whether some of those poachers managed to escape after killing Indian policemen;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the corrective measures being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a) and (b). The requisite information is as here under:-

| | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 |
|---------------------------|------|------|------|
| No. of cases detected | 32 | 47 | 16 |
| No. of Poachers caught | 318 | 560 | 163 |
| No. of boats/ships seized | 34 | 50 | 14 |

(c) and (d). In one incident in December, 1990, 6 Myanmar poachers managed to escape after causing grievous injuries to one Constable and one civil volunteer. The Police Constable later succumbed to injuries.

The poachers could escape after freeing themselves from bonds, after the police party had gone into the jungle pursuing the remaining poachers, leaving the six bonded poachers in the care of a policeman and a civilian volunteer.

(e) Surveillance and patrolling have been intensified.

[Translation]

Abduction and Bomb blasts in Jammu and Kashmir

1618. **SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI:** Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of abduction and bomb blasts which took place in Jammu and Kashmir during each of the last three years; and

(b) the number of cases solved among them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a) and (b). The number of abductions reported in the State were 2 in 1989, 169 in 1990, 290 in 1991 and 22 in 1992 (upto 15th February, 1992). The number of explosions caused by the terrorists were 516 in 1989, 1522 in 1990, 667 in 1991 and 107 in 1992 (upto 15th February, 1992). In the security force action against the terrorists who are mostly responsible for the explosions and abductions, 515 terrorists were killed in 1990, 244 terrorists in 1991 and 64

terrorists in 1992 (upto 15th February, 1992); 299 persons were arrested in 1989, 2360 in 1990, 2549 in 1991 and 286 in 1992 (upto 15th Feb. 1992). Besides, charge sheets have been filed in four (4) cases of abductions of prominent personalities.

Expenditure on checking Terrorism

1619. **SHRI HARIKEWAL PRASAD:**
SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of expenditure incurred/ financial assistance provided by the Union Government to various States for curbing terrorism during each of the last three years, state-wise;

(b) whether there is any proposal to impart special training to the Police and Paramilitary personnel and provide special financial assistance to terrorist affected States to deal with the problem ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a) No financial assistance was provided by any of the State Governments during 1989-90 for curbing terrorism. During 1990-91 an amount of Rs. 35.88 crores was released to the Govt. of Jammu and Kashmir for measures related to law and order/security purposes. During 1991-92 Rs. 10 crores each were released to the Governments of Assam, Tamilnadu and Uttar Pradesh for operations against militants.

(b) and (c). The training programme of Police/paramilitary Forces are reviewed and modified from time to time to meet emerging requirements. No proposal is presently under